

# CHAPTER BOOKS

Fiction, graphic novels, & more!

# **FICTION**

# **Candymakers**

# by Wendy Mass

Four 12-year-old kids find themselves in a candy factory competition that's not so sweet. *Little Brown*, 2010

# **City of Ember**

# by Jeanne DuPrau

A mysterious message may lead Lina and Doon out of the decaying City of Ember. Random House, 2003

# **A Crooked Kind of Perfect**

# by Linda Urban

The Perfectone D-60 electric organ crushed Zoe's dreams of Carnegie Hall and changed her life forever. *Harcourt*, 2007

#### Crunch

### by Leslie Conner

When the country suddenly runs out of gasoline, Dewey and his siblings must run the family's busy bicycle business—without their parents! *Katherine Tegen Books, 2010* 

#### **Fablehaven**

### by Brandon Mull • illustrated by Brandon Dorman

Fablehaven, a secret preserve for magical beings, is meant to be a place where creatures live in peace. It's not. *Shadow Mountain*, 2006

# **Fairest**

### by Gail Carson Levine

It takes two qualities to be the fairest in this kingdom—beauty and a great singing voice. The new queen only has one; Aza has the other. *Harper Collins*, 2006

# Gregor the Overlander

# by Suzanne Collins

When Gregor falls into a hole in his basement laundry room, he finds himself fulfilling a prophecy in an underground city. *Scholastic*, 2003

# **Guys Read: Funny Business**

### Edited by Jon Scieszka • illustrated by Adam Rex

Ten stories of guy humor guaranteed to crack up any gender. *Harper Colllins*, 2010

# The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures

# by Brian Selznick

Amazing illustrations help tell the story of orphan Hugo and his secret mechanical man. *Scholastic*, 2007



#### **Island of the Aunts**

### by Eva Ibbotson

How do three sweet old ladies recruit help caring for their magical island? They kidnap some children. *Dutton, 2000* 

# **Masterpiece**

# by Elise Broach • illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Sometimes a beetle living in your house will change your life forever. *Holt, 2008* 

# **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

# by Trenton Lee Stewart • illustrated by Carson Ellis

Many will be tested, only four will be chosen. *Little Brown*, 2007

# Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan

# by John Flanagan

A dangerous lord is out for revenge, and newly apprenticed ranger Will must use his newfound skills to help protect the kingdom. *Philomel*, 2005

# Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives

# by Michael Buckley • illustrated by Peter Ferguson

It doesn't take Sebrina and Daphne long to realize the town of Ferryport Landing has some very unusual and magical residents. *Amulet*, 2005

#### **Swindle**

#### by Gordon Korman

Swindled into selling a priceless baseball card for a fraction of its worth, Griffin's got a plan for taking it back! *Scholastic*, 2007

## A Tale Dark and Grimm

### by Adam Gidwitz

You think you know Hansel and Gretel? Think again... *Dutton, 2010* 

#### **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

# **Amulet: The Stonekeeper**

by Kazu Kibuishi

After their mother is kidnapped by a tentacled monster, Emily and Navin find help from strange creatures and a magical amulet. *Graphix*, 2008

# Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles

# by Frank Cammuso

Arthur King probably shouldn't have lied about his dodgeball skills. *Graphix*, 2008

# **Smile**

# by Raina Telgemaier

Raina tells the horrifyingly funny story of her journey through years of orthodontics. *Graphix*, 2010

#### **NON-FICTION**

# Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet

by Alexandra Siy

True story: In 2004, we sent two robots to Mars to explore for 90 days. Five years later, they were still going. *Charlesbridge*, 2009

# Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka

by Jon Scieszka

Before becoming an outrageous writer, Jon Scieszka was an outrageous boy. This is his unbelievable story. *Viking*, 2008

# Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing

by Paul B. Janeczko • illustrated by Jenna LaReau Learn how to decipher, create, and solve secret messages and ciphers! *Candlewick Press, 2004*